

Golden Gate Season Opener – SFSU/CCSF Swing September 21-23, 2018

Dear Colleagues, Friends, and Competitors,

From all the members of the San Francisco Forensics Collective, we would like to officially welcome you to the 2018-2019 competitive season!

We are pleased to announce the tenth annual *Golden Gate Season Opener* and *San Francisco State/City College of San Francisco Individual Events Swing*, September 21-23, 2018, to be held on the campus of San Francisco State University.

This will be a full-service tournament offering two preliminary rounds in two divisions (Novice & Open) of all 11 AFA individual events at each half of the swing, two divisions (Novice & Open) of NPDA Parliamentary Debate, 2 divisions (Novice and Open) of Lincoln-Douglas debate, and two divisions (Novice and Open) of policy debate. We will have six preliminary rounds of Parliamentary and Policy debate, and the appropriate number of elimination rounds based on the entry. Some divisions may be collapsed due to entry size. We will do everything we can to preserve the integrity of all Novice divisions.

The schedule has been modified from previous years. Policy Debate will run Saturday and Sunday only. Parliamentary debate conflicts with an adjusted pattern A on Saturday. Students competing in parliamentary debate may, however, cross-enter in Saturday's pattern B events. As has been the case in the past, Lincoln-Douglas debaters cannot cross-enter Sunday's IE tournament.

We will continue to maintain Parliamentary debate on Friday and Saturday only. The schedule currently guarantees a minimum of Octofinals in both division (assuming the entry size supports this as per NPDA rules), and finishing on Saturday night. We will attempt to accommodate any students making it to late Parliamentary out-rounds and IE finals on Saturday night.

Due to lack of interest and reservations for the past couple years, there is still no central tournament hotel. We have included a list of hotels that offer quadruple occupancy rooms at a number of nearby hotels. Please see the enclosed listings for contact information. You are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. If you have any questions about housing, please contact Teddy Albiniak at albiniak@sfsu.edu or Alexis Litzky, at alitzky@ccsf.edu.

If you are flying to the tournament there are 3 Bay Area airports and flight costs can vary dramatically. San Francisco International (SFO) is just minutes away from campus and all Daly City accommodations, and all else being equal should be your top choice. Oakland (OAK) and San Jose (SJC) often have reduced fares and are about 45 driving minutes away from SF State.

Please complete the SF State-mandated waiver of liability for each participant included at the back of the invitation. We will also have copies available at registration. Thanks for your cooperation.

We are excited and look forward to hosting you in San Francisco this September. Please contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT RULES – AFA, NFA, and NPDA regulations will govern their respective divisions, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation.

ENTRY - Online entry for all Individual events: www.forensictournament.net. Be sure to enter both halves of the swing (Tournament #1 & #2).

All debate (Parliamentary, LD, and Policy) entries at: www.tabroom.com.

All entry will be closed *on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 5pm*. Please email Teddy directly after that with any drops or changes at albiniak@sfsu.edu.

ELIGIBILITY – Any student that meets AFA, NFA, or NPDA requirements for their respective event is eligible. SF State and CCSF students may participate, but will not accrue sweepstakes points.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

EVENTS OFFERED

Pattern A: Extemporaneous speaking, After Dinner Speaking, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, and Informative Speaking.

Pattern B: Impromptu Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, Communication Analysis, Duo Interpretation, Programmed Oral Interpretation, and Dramatic Interpretation.

RULES

- Open and Novice IE's will be offered in accordance with AFA-NIET rules.
- Students in their first year of collegiate competition are eligible for novice division in IE's. Students with substantial high school experience should be entered in open division. We trust that directors will put their students in the right division.
- We reserve the right to collapse open and novice divisions in small events. If we collapse divisions, we will recognize the top novice competitor that does not advance to elimination rounds.
- Students may triple enter in IE's. All double and triple-entered competitors assume the responsibility for making it to their rounds on time. We will not average scores for a missed round.
- Judging – One critic covers 5 slots per pattern, or 10 slots per tournament (one half of the swing). Please ensure all of your judges are available for the entire tournament, it is the only way we can keep the tournament running on schedule and our low slot fees. All IE judges are committed through finals.
- Advancement to Elimination Rounds - No more than half of the field will be advanced to finals. Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.
- Placement/Advancement in Elimination Rounds - Students will be rank ordered first by lowest cumulative rankings, then by judge's preference, then by the highest reciprocal score (a.k.a. decimal conversion), and finally by the highest cumulative ratings.

PARLIMENTARY, LD, AND POLICY DEBATE

Debate Tabulation: Stephanie Eisenberg (Chabot College) & Phil Sharp (University of Reno-Nevada)

RULES

- Parliamentary debate will abide by NPDA rules and guidelines.
- Policy debate will abide by the CEDA/NDT best practices guidelines.
- Hybrids/Mavericks - Hybrid teams are welcome but all Policy and Parliamentary debaters must compete with a partner. 3-person teams require tournament director approval.
- Brackets will not be broken in Policy debate, but will be broken in Parliamentary and LD debate.

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- Judging - Each school is expected to provide one judge for every two teams (or 2 LD slots) they enter. Each judge will be obligated through the first elimination or one round beyond the elimination of their team. We have some hired judges that we can provide, but not many. Hired judges will be provided on a first come, first served basis at a fee of \$150 per uncovered team (or \$50 for LD). We would much rather have your judges than your money. If you have extra judges available from your school please let us know, as we would probably like to hire them. All judges are expected to render a decision in a timely fashion and designate one, and only one, team as the winner of the debate.

AWARDS

SWEEPSTAKES

We will identify a Top Speaker as well as Team Sweepstakes Awards for the entire tournament (all Individual and Debate events) based on the following formula: 1st Place, 12 points; 2nd Place, 10 points; 3rd Place or debate semifinalist, 8 points; 4th Place, 6 points; 5th Place or debate quarterfinalist, 5 points; 6th place or octofinalist, 4 points; 7th place or IE semifinalist, 3 points.

We will provide sweepstakes awards for the top 3 institutions in 2 divisions: 2-year and 4-year schools.

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ENTRY FEES

Fees are the same for the whole tournament, and you may pay for both halves of the swing and all debate events with one check during registration. Fees will be assessed once entry closes on Wednesday, September 19, 2016.

School fee:	\$25.00
Individual event slot:	\$10.00
Duo Interpretation slot:	\$12.00
Uncovered individual event slot:	\$15.00
NFA-LD Debate slot:	\$20.00
Uncovered NFA-LD slot:	\$50.00
Debate team (CEDA and NPDA):	\$75.00
Uncovered debate team:	\$150.00

HOTEL INFORMATION

Most of these hotels offer double bed rooms (quad occupancy) in the \$95-\$150 price range, which is about the cheapest range for this area. Priceline, kayak, and other online hotel reservation sites may offer cheaper prices than if you call these hotels.

Hampton Inn – Daly City
2700 Junipero Serra Boulevard
Daly City, CA 94015
(650) 755-7500
www.hamptoninn.com
~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive with no traffic

El Camino Inn
7525 Mission Street
Daly City, CA 94014-2941
(650) 755-8667
www.elcaminoinn.com
~ 3 miles from campus, a 10-minute drive with no traffic

Alpine Inn & Suites
560 Carter Street
Daly City, CA 94014
(415) 334-6969
alpinemotorinn.com
~5 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
1333 Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, California, USA 94010
(650) 347-1234
www.sanfranciscoairport.hyatt.com
~13 miles from campus, a 20-minute drive with no traffic

Best Western Grosvenor Airport Hotel
380 South Airport Blvd
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 873-3200
www.grosvenorsfo.com
~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

Comfort Inn & Suites - Airport
121 East Grand Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 589-7100
www.sfosuites.com
~10 miles from campus, a 15-minute drive with no traffic

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DIRECTIONS

The ballot table, Tab room, food & beverages, and all central activities will be held in the Humanities building on the SF State campus, most easily accessed on Tapia St. between Holloway Ave. and Font Blvd.

From Daly City/South SF/Airport area:

Take 280 North
Follow signs for 1 North towards SFSU and the Golden Gate Bridge
Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)
Left on Holloway Ave.
Right on Tapia Dr.

From North Bay

Take 101 South across GG Bridge
Follow signs for 19th Ave.
Right onto Holloway Ave.
Right onto Tapia Dr.

From East Bay

Take 80 West across Bay Bridge
Follow signs to 101 South
Take exit to 280 South
Take the CA-82 N/San Jose Ave. exit toward CA-1 N/Mission St.
Slight right at the first stoplight onto Sagamore
Stay in right lane and follow onto Brotherhood Way
Take the Junipero Serra Blvd. N/CA-1 N ramp to SF State University
Continue on Junipero Serra Blvd. (slight right)
Left on Holloway Ave.
Right on Tapia Dr.

PARKING

Parking is available in the parking structure on campus, for \$7 per car per day. Be sure to clearly display the permit on the dash of your car. Continue down Holloway to Lake Merced, and turn right to reach parking structure.

There is also some street parking. Be sure to check if it is 1-hour, 2-hour, 4-hour, or unlimited parking, and move your vehicle accordingly.

We are friendly with campus police, but will not be able to do anything about your parking tickets. Be vigilant! Also SFSU is a smoke-free campus. Please be respectful.

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SCHEDULE

IE Schedule

Saturday, September 22, 2018

CCSF Tournament

7:00 AM – Registration in Humanities 290, continental breakfast in the atrium
8:00 AM – A1 (ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative, CA)
9:15 AM – A2
10:30 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, Impromptu, Persuasive, Extemp)
11:45 PM – Lunch break
12:15 PM – B2
2:15 PM – A Finals
4:15 PM – B Finals
6:30 PM – Awards

Sunday, September 22, 2018

SF State Tournament

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in the atrium
8:00 AM – A1 (Extemp, ADS, Prose, Poetry, Informative)
9:30 AM – A2
11:00 AM – B1 (Duo, POI, Drama, CA, Impromptu, Persuasive)
12:00 PM – Lunch break
1:00 PM – B2
2:15 PM – A Finals
3:45 PM – B Finals
5:30 PM – Awards

Parliamentary Debate Schedule

Friday, September 21, 2018

1:00 PM – Registration in Humanities 290
2:30 PM – Round 1 Topic Announcement
4:00 PM – Round 2 Topic Announcement
5:30 PM – Round 3 Topic Announcement
Dinner provided in atrium
7:00 PM – Round 4 Topic Announcement

Saturday, September 22, 2018

7:00 AM – Continental breakfast in atrium
8:00 AM – Round 5 Topic Announcement
9:30 AM – Round 6 Topic Announcement
1:15 PM – First elimination Topic Announcement
2:15 PM – Second Elim Topic Announcement
3:45 PM – Third Elim Topic Announcement
5:30/ASAP – Fourth Elim Topic Announcement
6:30 PM – Awards

Lincoln Douglas Debate Schedule

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:00 AM Pairings released
8:30 AM Round 1
9:30 AM Round 2
11:00 AM Round 3
12:00 PM Lunch
12:30 AM Round 4
2:00 PM 1st Elim
3:00 PM 2nd Elim

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Policy Debate Schedule

Saturday, September 22, 2018

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium
8:00 AM – Pairings for Rounds 1 & 2 released
9:00 AM – Round 1
11:30 AM – Round 2
1:30 PM – Lunch break on your own
2:30 PM – Pairings for Rounds 3 & 4 released
3:30PM – Round 3
5:30 PM – Round 4

Sunday, September 23, 2018

7:00AM – Continental breakfast in atrium
8:00 AM – Pairings for Rounds 5 & 6 released
9:00 AM – Round 5
11:30 AM: Round 6
1:30 PM: Award Ceremony and elimination released
3:00: Elimination Round 1
5:00: Elimination Round 2

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San Francisco State University

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PROMISE NOT TO SUE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND
AGREEMENT TO PAY CLAIMS**

Activity: ___Golden Gate Season Opener (Forensics Tournament)

Activity Date(s) and Time(s): _September 21-23, 2018

Activity Location(s): ___Humanities and other campus buildings

In consideration for being allowed to participate in this Activity, on behalf of myself and my next of kin, heirs and representatives, I release from all liability and promise not to sue the State of California, the Trustees of the California State University, San Francisco State University and their employees, officers, directors, volunteers and agents (collectively "University") from any and all claims including claims of the University's negligence, resulting in any physical or psychological injury (including paralysis and death), illness, damages, or economic or emotional loss I may suffer because of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to/from and participating in this Activity, which include but are not limited to physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis), economic or emotional loss, and/or death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inaction, or negligence; conditions related to travel; or the condition of the Activity location(s). Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known or unknown to me, of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I agree to hold the University harmless from any and all claims, including attorney's fees or damage to my personal property that may occur as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. If the University incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse the University. If I need medical treatment, I agree to be financially responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such treatment. I am aware and understand that I should carry my own health insurance.

I am 18 years or older. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability, (b) promising not to sue the University, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity.

I understand that this document is written to be as broad and inclusive as legally permitted by the state of California. I agree that if any portion is held invalid or unenforceable, I will continue to be bound by the remaining terms. I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Name (print): _____ Date: _____

If Participant is under

18 years of age: I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the University from all liability on my and the Participant's behalf, (b) promising not to sue on my and the Participant's behalf, (c) and assuming all risks of the Participant's participation in this Activity, including travel to, from and during the Activity. I allow Participant to participate in this Activity. I understand that I am responsible for the obligations and acts of Participant as described in this document. I agree to be bound by the terms of this document. I have read this two-page document and I am signing it freely. No other representations concerning the legal effect of this document have been made to me.

Signature of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian _____

Name of Minor Participant's Parent/Guardian (print) _____ Date _____

Minor Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____